6.5 (con't.)   at no cost with an additional two years of child care assistance based on a sliding fee scale.

6.5.1   Extended Support Services – Employment Bonus

For those families who become ineligible for continued TEA cash assistance benefits due to employment, or who choose to no longer receive cash assistance due to employment, an Employment Bonus cash payment will be made to such family provided a bonus payment has not already been made to the family in the preceding twelve (12) months. The purpose of such payment is to help the employed adult meet employment related expenses, until he or she has received a full month's earnings. It is expected that this one-time bonus payment will help enable the adult to maintain his or her employment.

The Employment Bonus will not count toward the adult's maximum twenty-four month limit.

6.5.2   Extended Support Services - Transportation

For those families who become ineligible for continued TEA cash assistance benefits due to employment, or who choose to no longer receive cash assistance due to employment, two months of Extended Support Transportation assistance will be made to the family. The payments will assist the family in meeting transportation costs during the two months following termination of TEA cash assistance.

The Extended Support Transportation payments will not count toward the adult's maximum twenty-four month limit.

6.5.3   Extended Support Services - Job Retention

For those families who become ineligible for continued TEA cash assistance benefits due to employment, cash payments for the purpose of enabling the adult to retain his or her job may be made during the twelve-month period following the closure due to employment.

The Extended Support Job Retention payments will not count toward the adult's maximum twenty-four month limit.

5140   *EXTENDED SUPPORT SERVICES - TRANSPORTATION*

TEA cases which close due to employment (by agency determination or at client request) or have reached the time limit and the individual is employed will automatically be eligible to receive ~~one~~ two months of Extended Support Transportation assistance. The payments will assist the family in meeting transportation costs ~~in the first month~~ during the two months following termination of TEA cash assistance.

The Extended Support Transportation benefit will be in the amount of $200 for each of the two months and ~~. Because the ESS Transportation assistance is funded by all State monies, it~~ will not count toward either the state or federal time limit.~~the 24 month time limit.~~

The Extended Support Transportation benefit is the only transportation assistance that will be provided during the two months in which it is received with the exception of an emergency crisis situation that warrants Job Retention assistance. For example, the client's vehicle breaks down and he or she needs assistance with the repair costs. The County Administrator must approve the additional transportation assistance.

When a case is closed due to earnings, the worker will use the ~~close codes~~ Action Reasons specific to allowing this Extended Support Service. Verification of earnings is not required. (See examples below). The system will automatically issue to the client's EBT account the Extended Transportation benefit in the month following the month of case closure. The second ESS Transportation benefit will be issued the second month following case closure. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may receive Extended Support Service Transportation assistance.

~~Please refer to the DCO Users Manual for specific codes and keying procedures.~~

5145   *Extended Support Services Employment Bonus and Transportation Examples*

The following are situations in which an ESS Employment Bonus and/or Transportation assistance will be authorized.

NOTE: A system edit will prevent more than one Employment Bonus from being issued in any 12-month period.

1. Ms. Manning reported that she found a job and requested her TEA case be closed. The client's statement that she is employed may be accepted without verification.

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